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PERSHING READY TO ACT SOON

Commander of Expeditionary Force Distributes Troops So That They May Advance or Be Withdrawn Immediately On Order.

Gen. Scott Studies Situation at Border and Will Make Report to Capital Today—Diaz Movement Causes Some Uneasiness.

El Paso, April 22.—Brigadier-General Pershing has made such disposition of his forces, that the American punitive expedition is equally ready today to proceed quickly in pursuit of Villa or withdraw from Mexico when the further course of operations is determined at Washington.

The troops can be retired from Mexico in ten days according to army officers at Fort Bliss.

Carranza officials at Juarez reported the situation generally quiet throughout upper Mexico.

SCOTT STUDIES SITUATION. San Antonio, April 22.—Secretary of War Baker should be in receipt of a report before night from Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the army, that may assist the administration in deciding whether to withdraw the American troops or send them farther into Mexico.

General Funston has received reports showing movements of Carranza troops in the district penetrated by General Pershing.

Baker Awaits Report. Washington, April 22.—A preliminary report from Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the army, on his conference with General Funston at San Antonio, Tex., last night, regarding the Mexican program, was expected today by Washington officials.

General Scott, who was sent by Secretary of War Baker to study the situation in detail with Funston, announced his arrival in a brief despatch to the secretary last night.

The next step of this government regarding the pursuit of Francisco Villa or the withdrawal of troops probably will not be taken until receipt of a report on the subject.

Meanwhile, reports of an alleged move on the part of Felix Diaz, former Mexican dictator, for a revolution against the de facto government, are causing considerable uneasiness at the state department. The movement is said to be backed by wealthy Mexicans both in Mexico and the United States. It is learned that several Mexicans in this country are under close observation and it is possible that part of the anti-American feeling in Chihuahua state against the forces chasing Villa may be attributed to the Diaz movement.

STEINLICK, SIX FEET FOUR INCHES, DWARF. Other Court Occupants.

In city court this morning the tallest man on record in that tribunal was seated in the prisoners' pen. He was Vahid Steinlick, of 94 Farmer avenue, charged with breach of the peace.

Steinlick measures six feet four inches in height and weighs 260 pounds. Steinlick is addicted to drink and when this way he is said to be dangerous to residents of Boston avenue and Farmer street. This locality is opposite the old Athletic park and east of Remington City.

He returned home last night in an intoxicated condition. He procured a large axe and began to chop his way into his home. He first attacked the front door of the house. Women and children ran screaming from their homes while male residents of that section procured revolvers to insure their protection.

Harry Hanson, living over the Steinlicks' apartments, was struck on the back with the axe. He was unable to walk for an hour or more. He is not seriously injured, however. He was taken to the Bridgeport hospital.

A call was sent for the police and the patrol wagon loaded with three policemen responded. Steinlick surrendered when he saw the policemen. He was led to the patrol wagon and when the car stuck in a rut, Steinlick helped push it.

Steinlick is the man that gave Policeman Edward Bolger a fight at Pembroke and Ogden streets a long time ago. At this time Steinlick received a fracture of the skull from a blow from the policeman's night stick.

In city court today Judge Wilder ordered Steinlick's case continued until next Saturday. Bonds were set at \$500. Steinlick was remanded to the county jail.

Too Anxious Seeker After Job Arrested.

For creating a disturbance by trying to break into the line of employment seekers at the Union Metallic Cartridge factory, Frank Capeselli, 20 Morgan avenue, was fined \$5 by Judge Wilder in city court today.

THE WEATHER. Connecticut.—Showers tonight, Sunday partly cloudy, strong east, shifting to west winds.

DENOUNCES CITY COURT AND GETS SECOND HEARING

Charles Curtis, Gun Wielder, Makes Loud Protest To Judge Wilder.

YEAR IN JAIL IS FINAL SENTENCE

Jurist Protests Presence of Element Seeking Mining Town Excitement.

An occurrence almost unprecedented in the annals of the city court interested a crowd that packed the courtroom to the doors this morning, at the hearing of Charles E. Curtis, alias George E. Murray.

Curtis threatened to "shoot up" Baldwin's cafe on Cannon street Thursday night. He was sentenced to jail for one year today by Judge F. L. Wilder.

In profane and bitter language, Curtis loudly denounced the court after receiving his sentence. He said he had been "framed." In the county jail he had been starved, he said. Two friends of his shouted aloud that he had been "framed" and they weren't given a chance as witnesses.

Judge Wilder reopened the case, heard the witnesses and after the testimony was in, allowed the sentence to stand. Then he issued a public statement, declaring that Bridgeport isn't going to be a haven for gunmen, if the court has anything to do with it.

Curtis' declaration, purged of profanity, follows:

"I did not get a square deal. It's a frigate but you won't get away with it. I was sentenced to one year in jail. You never let me have counsel until today and yesterday you rode me up to your dirty county jail where I did not get a bite to eat all day. It was a joke and I was just a joke being hanged. I'll beat you yet."

This declaration was made after a trial had been granted Curtis. Judge Thomas C. Coughlin defended the accused. Yesterday morning Curtis was told to get a lawyer and to bring his witnesses to court today. He was given 24 hours in which to prepare proper defense.

At Murray's declaration two young men jumped up in the spectators' seats and declared:

"It's a rotten deal. Curtis never got a fair trial and it's a frameup. Give us a chance to talk. I'll say 'frame' or 'two' in his defense."

All the time the hearing was going on these two had remained silent. The court did not know they were present. Judge Wilder immediately ordered the case reopened and the witnesses were called to the stand. They were James and Lee Foley, roommates of Curtis at 95 Elm street.

James Foley said:

"I am his roommate. I never saw him with a gun or a holster. If I did I'd punch him square in the nose. He never said anything to me about getting a gun. He never had one on the night of the alleged threatened hold-up."

Foley later admitted that Curtis may have procured a gun after leaving home. Foley was not with Curtis at the time of the trouble in Baldwin's cafe.

Lee Foley took the stand. He said: "I was with Curtis upstairs in Baldwin's. We were talking with a couple of girls. A stranger went in and told the girls as though to shoot her. He pulled a gun and Curtis grabbed him. Murray made a bluff to pull a gun. He had a holster but no gun. I left the cafe at the time of the trouble in Baldwin's cafe."

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DETECTIVES SAY DOROTHY ARNOLD "CLUE" IS HOAX

Find Only Water Main in Cellar of Home In West Point.

New York, April 22.—The body of Dorothy Arnold was not found in the cellar of the house outside West Point, where New York detectives searched yesterday. Police Inspector Faurot, who is in charge of the investigation, announced today that there was no truth in published stories that Miss Arnold's body had been discovered.

Inspector Faurot expressed his opinion that there was nothing to the story told by Octave Charles Glennorris, a convict in a Rhode Island prison, that he aided in the burial in a West Point cellar of a young woman resembling Miss Arnold in description.

Those who had conducted the search had been quoted as saying that a body was found under the cement flooring in an isolated house two miles south of West Point, but Inspector Faurot said that "all we found in the cellar was an old four-inch water main."

"The story told by Glennorris is absolutely false," Inspector Faurot said. "That is what I am going to put in my report to the police commission."

The inspector said he thought the Glennorris story was told in the hope of obtaining parole.

A despatch received here today from West Point said that no body had been found and that Inspector Faurot upon his departure last night for New York after his investigation had not left detectives on guard at the house where the search was made, as had been reported here.

Dorothy Arnold, daughter of Francis R. Arnold, a wealthy importer of this city, vanished mysteriously in 1910 while on a shopping trip on Fifth avenue. The present search is one of many fruitless quests which have been made as a result of "clues" constantly received by the police and the Arnold family.

HANDSOME BANDIT, ALONE, ROBS OVERLAND LIMITED; GIVES WATCH TO PORTER

Rawlins, Wyo., April 22.—A sheriff's posse of two dozen mounted on horseback continued to-day the chase begun last night for the bandit who held up nearly 50 passengers on Union Pacific limited train, west of Hanna, Wyo. The robber is believed to be the man who on April 5 last held up the Union Pacific Overland Limited near Corlett Junction, Wyo., and on Feb. 9 performed a similar exploit near Greeley, Wyo., and in March robbed a passenger train on the Oregon Short Line near Roy, Utah.

The bandit, described as a tall, handsome youth, boarded the train at Greeley, Colo. After a conversation with the train's stenographer he sat down with the train guard. An hour later the man drew two revolvers and compelled the guard to pass his hat before the passengers who stood with hands in the air. About \$200 was gathered in the observation car.

At the entrance to the second sleeping car, a brakeman and James Sherlock, conductor, faced the robber. Sherlock hesitated a moment about pinning his hands and the bandit fired the shot going wild. In the sleeper, the brakeman was pressed into service and another \$200 was dropped into the hat.

When the collection was finished the robber handed the guard a watch. "There's the watch I got on my last hold up and which I promised to return this time," he said. "If you'll slow down the train I'll get off here, otherwise I'll go to Rawlins with you."

As the train slackened speed for the Edson turn, the man dropped to the ground and ran in the direction of "Robbers' Roost," country in the Elk Mountain Region.

The bandit who robbed the Union Pacific Overland Limited at Corlett Junction promised the porter who collected for him on that occasion he would return a watch he had taken, upon his next exploit.

NOVAK COMMITS HARA-KIRI IN BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL, AFTER ELUDING NURSES

Alexander Novak, aged 61, for a number of months suffering from an incurable affection of his stomach, evaded nurses in the Bridgeport hospital at 2:30 this morning and besides cutting his jugular vein with a razor committed hara-kiri to make sure of death.

Novak had called his wife to his bedside and presented her with a beautiful book, which he had asked her not to open until tonight. It is believed that within the pages of this book his will may be found as well as a reason for his act.

Medical Examiner S. M. Garlick, who has made an investigation of the death has not seen the book but declares that death resulted through suicide.

Novak has been in the hospital for many months. He was cheerful and happy and had been allowed the privilege of shaving himself as are many other patients. Nurses in the ward said he arose from bed early this morning and make his way down the hall to the lavatory. They did not suspect his intention. When he did not return after some time search was instituted. He was found in a dying condition, gaping wounds of the neck and stomach indicating his act. The razor lay beside him.

Novak lived at 263 Hamilton street for many years, with his wife and two children.

OILY CLOTHING TAKES FIRE AS HE FIGHTS BLAZE

Stationary Engineer Is Painfully Burned at Naugatuck Junction.

In an endeavor to put out the flames that had started in some waste paper in the repair shop of the New Haven road at Naugatuck Junction, at 4 o'clock this morning, John Brown of 28 Hayes street, this city, was painfully burned about the arms and shoulders.

Brown is a stationary engineer. He was sitting beside a stove in the repair shop this morning when some waste paper took fire. He tried to put the flames out by beating them with his hands. His jacket was oil-soaked and this took fire. He ripped the jacket from off his shoulders and narrowly escaped being fatally burned.

Brown was taken to this city aboard a freight train. He went to the emergency hospital upon his arrival here and Dr. E. B. Weldon dressed the burns. Brown returned to his home.

City Sues 11 For Failure to Meet Sewer Assessments

City Attorney William H. Comley, Jr., today filed in the common pleas court suits against 11 local residents who have failed to pay sewer assessments. Liens have already been filed against the property and in the present action the city asks the court to allow foreclosure on the different parcels.

All actions are returnable to the May term.

The names of the defendants are: Morris Wheeler and others, Olive street; Timothy O'Rourke, Wilnot avenue; August M. Brill and others, Hollister avenue; Mary C. O'Brien and others, Maplewood avenue; Joseph Spagell, Linden avenue; Charles France and others, Iranistan avenue; Bridget Kelly, Calhoun avenue; the Yule-Needham Co., Front street; Jennie Levy and others, Mountain Grove street; Julia T. Wolfe and others, Wilnot avenue; Edward C. Spargo, administrator, Wilnot avenue.

Venes Sues for a Divorce; Says His Wife Deserted Him

James Venes of this city has brought charges in the superior court against Agnes M. Venes of this city. Desertion on May 29, 1911, is alleged. The couple were married April 26, 1893. Mrs. Venes' maiden name was Agnes Dutcher.

Margaret Illington of this city asks the court to allow her a decree from Thomas Illington of parts unknown. Intolerably cruelty is the ground. Mrs. Illington, whose maiden name was Margaret Sullivan, married the defendant July 31, 1915.

Another divorce action filed today was brought by Arville Shortell of Frank Pelligra, 88 Highland avenue by Judge Wilder in city court today. Pelligra pleaded guilty to the charge of the theft from the Howland Dry Goods Co. Pelligra paid.

DISPUTE OVER DANBURY POST OFFICE ENDED

Stevens' Rival, Defeated at Polls, Recommends His Appointment to Federal Post

NEARLY 1,000 CAST BALLOTS IN CONTEST

Shalvoy Writes Congressmen of Man Who Got More Votes.

(Special to The Farmer)

Danbury, April 22.—The post office primary has concluded with a letter from Hugh C. Shalvoy to former Congressman Donovan and National Committeeman Homer S. Cummings, which makes the way to filling the post office very simple and to those gentlemen, who have the duty of advising the post office department.

There were originally four candidates for the post office, but only two of them were willing to abide the test of the primary. There were D. Frank Stevens, water commissioner, and Hugh C. Shalvoy, for many years identified with the United Hatters of North America.

The primary was held April 8, in a driving snow. However, 81 voters turned out, and the ballot was the second largest primary ballot ever cast in Danbury.

The result was favorable to Mr. Stevens, and was communicated to Mr. Cummings and Mr. Donovan. They have also received a letter from Mr. Shalvoy, bearing date of April 18, as follows:

Honorable Jeremiah Donovan, South Norwalk, Conn. Dear Sir:—

I desire to inform you that there was held in Danbury, April 8th, a primary to ascertain the will of the people of Danbury, with respect to the choice of a postmaster.

The election was conducted with good feeling, fairness and courtesy. The vote was one of the largest ever cast in a primary in this city.

The total number of ballots was 81, of which I had 429 and Mr. D. Frank Stevens, my opponent, had 475 and 1 defective.

The result is decisive, and for this reason, and according to the dictates of fair play and sound democracy I withdraw my candidacy and venture to hope that Mr. Stevens may receive the appointment according to the will of the people.

The primary has been for some years the method used by the democrats of Danbury to determine choice of candidates for important office. It has given general satisfaction, and has helped the city and the party. While the result in this case was not what I had expected, yet I am loyal to the principles of fair government and hope that the decision of the people will be binding upon you as adviser to the postal department of the United States.

Very respectfully yours, HUGH C. SHALVOY.

When the text of Mr. Shalvoy's letter became public here, it was greeted with expressions of approval as a high class example of how a political contest can be conducted between high grade opponents.

Mr. Shalvoy's acquiescence in the result of the primary removes the last traces of disharmony and ill-feeling, which so often follow upon political contests, and it clears the way for the appointment of Mr. Stevens with the unanimous approval of the people of Danbury.

Either man, it is felt here, would have made an acceptable candidate. Both have had administrative experience and are used to large affairs. Mr. Stevens has improved and regenerated the municipal water works, reducing the price of water to the consumers.

Mr. Shalvoy has been for many years secretary of the United Hatters of North America, whose affairs are as large and complex as those of a small government.

Danbury Democrats installed the direct primary in 1913. There have been six elections since, and the democracy was victorious in every election, thanks to the good feeling and popular satisfaction engendered by this method of choosing.

CONFLICT FOUND IN EVIDENCE AT WRECK INQUIRY

PROVIDENCE, April 22.—Conflict in the testimony of railroad employees who figured in the wreck on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad at Bradford, Monday night, in which five passengers were killed, developed at the joint investigation by the interstate commerce commission and the Rhode Island public service commission today.

William G. Read, conductor of the Gilt Edge Express which crashed into the rear of another train, testified he did not see the flagman of the local train signal in any way nor did he see any warning fuse burning behind the local.

Simon T. King, a fireman on the Gilt Edge, corroborated previous testimony of Engineer Charles H. Mansfield regarding the signal lights. He said also he knew of no fuse or signal having been thrown at his engine as John W. Coombs, of the local, said yesterday had been done.

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GOD WEATHER NEXT WEEK IS U. S. FORECAST

Washington, April 22.—Easter week will be cold and unsettled over the northern part of the country, with probably local snows in the north-west but in the south and on the Pacific coast normal temperatures and fair weather will prevail.

The weather bureau today in its forecast for the week beginning tomorrow:

"The pressure distributing over the American continent and adjacent oceans is such as to indicate a cool weather during the week in all northern states. The change to cooler will be pronounced over the northwestern states by the middle of the week.

"There will be unsettled weather at the beginning of the week along the northern border from the great lakes eastward and it is probable that a disturbance will develop over the far west Tuesday or Wednesday, advance to the middle west Thursday or Friday and to the eastern states near the end of the week. This disturbance will be attended by general precipitation.

"Except for the period of unsettled weather and precipitation the weather will be generally fair during the week."

PARLEY ON U. S. NOTE IS SOUGHT

Berlin Expected to Ask for Further Information and More Time to Study Demands, Is Report From Germany—Washington Awaits Official Report from Ambassador Gerard on Receipt of Ultimatum at Foreign Office—Austria Gets United States Note on Emperor Attack.

Berlin, April 22.—Germany's answer to the latest American note is likely to be delayed by some parleys and requests for more information on certain points, according to the Lokal Anzeiger, which says it learns that the note is a decidedly long one and that it will be examined with German thoroughness.

CAPITAL IS AWAITING REPORT FROM GERARD

Washington, April 22.—With official word that the American note had been presented to the Berlin foreign office, administration officials today momentarily expected definite advices from Ambassador Gerard as to how the communication was received, together with some indication as to the nature of the German reply.

In reporting the delivery of the note late Thursday afternoon, Ambassador Gerard advised the state department that he had afterwards conferred briefly with Foreign Minister von Jagow. The contents of another message from the ambassador are closely guarded, although it is said he informed the department that assurances had been given him of immediate consideration of the document. Some officials indicated that they look for a reply from Germany by the middle of next week.

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, who is away on a brief trip, is not expected to return until Sunday unless important despatches regarding the submarine issue are received at the embassy before that time. It is known that he has advised his government to modify its submarine warfare to meet America's latest demands.

AUSTRIA GETS U. S. NOTE ON IMPERATOR

Amsterdam, April 22.—Press despatches from Vienna report that the Austro-Hungarian foreign office received a note from the United States dealing with the attack on the Russian bark Imperator in the Mediterranean.

Two Americans were on the Imperator. Official advices to the state department at Washington state an Austrian submarine fired on the vessel without warning and that one of the Americans was wounded.

ADMINISTRATION READY TO SPEND BORROWED CASH

Calls on Commissioners to Have Demands Ready By Monday Night.

Members of the various departments of the city government who will have the disposal of the \$2,275,000 bonds issues are expected to have plans and estimates of how they think the money should be spent, before the board of directors of the common council Monday night.

The advisory committee under whose direction the plans for making the bonds issues were discussed, will be called into session to pass on how the \$500,000 pavement bonds and the \$500,000 sewer bonds should be spent. The \$300,000 bonds for the school houses will be "expended" under the direction of the board of education. The \$225,000 bonds for the police and fire departments will be issued by the commissioners of those departments, dispositions of the money to be made as they think best.

The bonds for street extension will be disposed of through recommendations of the streets and sidewalks committee of the common council and by approval of that body. At first it was planned to have the advisory board pass on all bond dispositions but the plan as outlined above has now been agreed on by the leaders of the administration.

Unable to Furnish Bonds, Leon Ryzcar Goes to County Jail

Leon Ryzcar, aged 35, of Fairfield, arrested yesterday by the local police in connection with the death of Cassius S. Gould, an aged resident of this city, who was struck by a jitney April 1 at State street and Clinton avenue was held by Judge Wilder in the city court today under bonds of \$1,000 to answer a charge of manslaughter. Not being able to furnish the bonds Ryzcar was taken to the county jail.

The body of Gould was the subject of autopsy under the direction of Medical Examiner S. M. Garlick, and has been released to local undertakers for burial.

Dr. Garlick declares that the autopsy shows little connection between the primary cause of death, septic pneumonia, and the trouble that brought Gould to St. Vincent's hospital. He has placed the case in the hands of Coroner John J. Phelan for an inquest.

Bridgeport Beaten By One In State Shoot

At the opening shoot of the season held by the Connecticut Trap Shooters' association in Meriden yesterday the Bridgeport team was defeated by one bird. A. L. Chamberlain of New Haven won the high gun prize with a total of 42. In the team shoot Hartford No. 1 defeated Bridgeport No. 1 by one bird. More than 100 shooters from various parts of the state were present and worked against a strong wind.

OPPOSE DISCHARGE FROM BANKRUPTCY OF W. S. CORNWALL

Opposition to the discharge from bankruptcy of W. S. Cornwall, the Noble avenue wholesale paper merchant, was manifested today when Cornwall's petition was filed with Referee John W. Banks, Attorney Joseph G. Shapiro, representing Trustee F. C. Fox, and Judge Henry S. Stevenson, for several creditors, appeared in opposition. Referee Banks said an interval of ten days would elapse before any action is taken.

A dividend of 10 per cent. was declared for creditors of the Edwin F. Short Hat Co. of Danbury. A final dividend of 3 1/2 per cent. was declared for creditors of the Stamford Supply Co. of Stamford.

Articles of incorporation of the Bridgeport Baseball association were filed today in the town clerk's office. The capital stock of the corporation is \$3,000 divided into 30 shares valued at \$100 each and all paid in. Of this stock Harry Cornen owns 15 shares; August Knorr 14 shares and Arthur E. Wicks one share. All are residents of South Norwalk.